Checks will be mailed in early May

Washington, DC - Congressman John Adler announced today that seniors and disabled veterans will receive a \$250 economic recovery payment from the federal government as early as May. Congressman Adler fought to include this tax relief in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act last month.

"During these tough economic times, we must ensure that we take care of our seniors and veterans," said Congressman Adler. "This money will arrive as early as May and will make a real impact in the lives of our seniors and veterans. I'm proud to have been a part of the process."

Congressman Adler was successful in his fight to make sure seniors and veterans receive tax relief under the stimulus package. When Congressman Adler reviewed the first draft of the economic recovery package, he realized that retired or unemployed seniors and disabled veterans would not receive the "Making Work Pay" tax rebate for American workers. He worked quickly to fix the oversight, and introduced the Safeguarding America's Seniors and Veterans Act, successfully including it in the final economic recovery package.

Because of his efforts, an estimated 50 million Americans will benefit from this economic recovery package. These payments will inject more than \$13 billion into the economy.

Background from the Administration:

The federal government will send out \$250 economic recovery payments to people who receive Social Security benefits beginning in early May 2009 and continuing throughout the month. No action is required to get the payment, which will be sent separately from the person's regular monthly payment.

For more detailed information about the \$250 one-time economic recovery payments, go to www.socialsecurity.gov/payment